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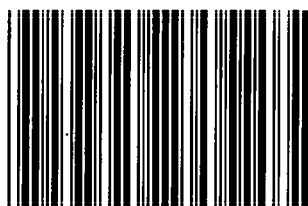
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BAUCUS

TRUMAN NIGHT DINNER

Saturday, May 14, 1988

It's great to be here with you to celebrate Eastern Montana's Democratic party.

And we've got good reason to celebrate. Nancy Reagan's stars may be in the heavens, but ours are right here in Billings tonight.

We have a great field of young, bright, energetic, hard-working political stars ready to lead Montana into its next century.

~~There has been a lot of talk about education these days.~~ <sup>#</sup> Nancy Keenan <sup>1</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>4</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>1</sup> ~~educator~~ <sup>1</sup> and a good friend. I know she will keep Montana's schools among the best in the nation.

When you think about it, Nancy will play a greater role in shaping the future of our state than probably anyone in this room. I can't think of a better person in which to entrust the education of the next generation of Montanans.

Mike McGrath, ~~has been~~ an excellent county attorney for Lewis and Clark county. He is committed to working with young people to keep them out of the criminal justice system. He will be a terrific attorney general.

~~And if his effort and dedication to serving Montana as a member of my staff -- and earlier as a state legislator -- is any indication, Mike Cooney,~~ <sup>Soon to</sup> be one of Montana's finest Secretaries

of State. *I can tell you that from personal exp. No one is more dedicated to serving people than Mike.*

This is the new generation of Montana Democrats for which the torch is just beginning to burn bright. <sup>in the House of Reps.</sup> They represent one reason that Montana continues to be a bright Democratic oasis in the <sup>former</sup> Republican west.

Pat Williams, our keynote speaker tonight, <sup>(Pat)</sup> continues to set an example of leadership and integrity for his colleagues in the House of Representatives.

And soon he will be joined by another rising star: Buck O'Brian. Buck will prove to the nation

and to the House that Eastern Montanans are not --  
as ~~Ron Marlenee portrayed them~~ <sup>that other fellow said</sup> -- a "bunch of  
hicks with big wives and ice-cream-smeared kids".  
Rather, they are hard working Americans who are  
proud of their state and who want to build a  
better future for ~~themselves and~~ <sup>themselves and</sup> their children in Montana.

John Melcher, our senior Senator, <sup>John</sup> brings his  
home spun politics to the Senate ~~Chamber~~. He  
fights for the rancher, the farmer and the family  
-- the bedrock of Montana's history. <sup>John</sup> ~~He~~ fights  
and he wins.

And I'm happy to say that at the top of our  
ticket this fall will be the <sup>brightest of all stars:</sup> ~~name of the next~~  
~~President of the United States~~, Michael Dukakis, <sup>the</sup>  
~~next President of the United States~~.

I was proud to endorse Mike Dukakis last  
month. ~~We spoke earlier~~ <sup>we spoke</sup> this week about his June  
3rd visit to <sup>Butte</sup> ~~Montana~~. I asked him to try to stop  
in Billings too -- and he promised he would if he  
can escape California early enough.

Though Mike is from Massachusetts, he un-  
derstands our needs here in Montana.

# Mike Dukakis

Jobs!

~~He~~ knows ~~that~~ Montanans want: good jobs at fair wages; economic opportunity and development; good education; and a government that cares.

# And, he ~~understands~~ the West!

We must not, as Mike says, "settle for a country where some regions and communities are full of opportunity for our workers and farmers, while others are shrugged off as inevitable casualties of change."

~~also~~  
Mike speaks of the next American Frontier -- "the market place of international competition". He knows that whether it be selling beef to Japan, wheat to the Soviets, or computers to Saudi Arabia -- to win, Americans must learn to compete not just against themselves, but against the world.

To do that we Americans must set higher standards for ourselves so that "Made In The U.S.A." becomes the world standard for quality and value.

John Kennedy, another son of Massachusetts, described his New Frontier this way: " The New Frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises

-- it is a set of challenges. It sums up not what I intend to offer the American people but what I intend to ask of them."

*That also sums up the challenges ahead*

~~The next four years will be one of challenges~~

for all of us. Ronald Reagan has saddled this and future generations with unimaginable federal debt, and made cynicism into a new art form.

*When*

<sup>A</sup> The Republicans came to Washington in 1981 *they were* determined to mold our government into their own self-serving image. And when the people of this country resisted, the Republicans set out to smash the machinery of government like a spoiled child breaks its toys.

Instead of an Interstate Commerce Commission that listens to the concerns of the citizenry, we have a panel of indifferent ideologues who think a 900 mile stretch of track in Montana is a short-line railroad.

Instead of signing an important trade bill -- which received bipartisan support in Congress --

to help this country reduce its \$150 million trade deficit, we have a president who will President Reagan vetoed it. Why?

Because Congress said that workers should be given 60 days' notice before a plant closing.

Treating workers with dignity is not just a good idea, it's good business. If President Reagan and George Bush won't support giving workers 60 days' notice before they lose their jobs, then on election day the American people should give Bush 74 days notice that he's out of work.

Maybe we should put the "advance notice" issue in terms the President can better understand. I'm toying with tying our plant closing provision to a new requirement. All former White House aides must give the President and the First Lady 60 days' notice before publishing their memoirs.

(space)  
Two years ago the Democrats took back the U.S. Senate. Just look at what a difference it made.

I, [redacted] for the life of me, can't understand why Ronald

At least we Americans will give Bush 74 day notice that he's out of a job!

O. J. Simpson  
some thing he understood  
60 day notice

Maybe we should

tie it to a new law that



The President vetoed the Clean Water Act --  
we overrode his veto.

He vetoed the Highway Bill -- we overrode his  
veto.

He vetoed the Civil Rights Bill -- the only  
President ever to veto civil rights legislation.  
We overrode it.

*He also*  
Reagan nominated Judge Bork. ~~The Democratic~~  
~~Senate said "no way."~~ *You know what we*  
*did with that one.*

*And*  
It was a coalition of Democrats and concerned  
Republicans who passed the 1985 Farm Bill. This  
law brought the first ray of sunshine for farmers  
who had been living under the cloud of farm  
foreclosures and economic hardships.

And just last year, a Democratic Congress  
passed a farm credit act which is beginning to  
give farmers a fighting chance to help themselves  
out of a sea of debt.

Democrats have made a difference and we will continue to make a difference in the next four years.

Under a Democratic Administration we won't see the likes of James Watt <sup>embarrassing</sup> trashing the Interior Department, or Ed Meese smearing the integrity of our Justice Department, or George Bush looking the other way while our government gives arms to terrorists and drug dealers, <sup>like Noriega,</sup> ~~Somehow~~ just say "no" ~~wasn't good enough for Mr. Noriega.~~

A Democratic Administration won't have a U.S. Marines standing before Congress and the people saying it's okay to lie.

In a Democratic Administration, opportunity won't be reserved just for Wall Street wiz kids, but will be within reach of all those who dream.

A Democratic Administration will know that Montana is not a far corner of the world, but one of fifty equal stars on the flag. Our party will help Montanans build a bright and strong and

vibrant economic future -- for Montana, and for America.

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Democrats know that we need better air service, and we're working on it.

Democrats know that we need we need better rural health care, and we're <sup>getting</sup> ~~working on~~ it.

Democrats know that Montana needs new industry -- <sup>and</sup> value added ~~and others~~, and we're <sup>in</sup> ~~working on~~ <sup>certainly</sup> hustling for it.

Montana isn't looking for a handshake, we're looking for a partner. We're looking for an opportunity to invest in ourselves, <sup>in</sup> ~~our~~ state.

In an address before the Democratic National Committee in January 1963, Mike Mansfield had this to say about what people wanted from their leadership: "Throughout the Nation, the people want the kind of government -- a mixture of idealism and realism, the sensitivity to human needs and human possibilities -- which [President Kennedy] himself personifies."

~~This year~~ ~~we will~~ Its time to return to that ideal.

The question we must ask is not "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" ~~It is~~ Instead,

we should ask: "Are we doing enough" ~~Have we done enough~~ to make this nation better four years from now?"

It's time to hang up the golden parachutes and dust off the golden rule. It's time ~~for hard~~ <sup>to stop playing hard ball</sup> choices, ~~not hard ball~~. I don't want to see

America brace for the next century, I want to see her race for it.

Montana is going to help elect a Democrat to the White House because Montana Democrats are committed to reaching for new possibilities and setting standards of excellence for all our citizens.

We have much to do. The campaigns have only just begun. But we have the candidates, and we have the people to put Montana in the Democratic column again this year.

On Wednesday I told Mike Dukakis "you can win Montana." He said "I know I can -- and I plan to."

That's the spirit ~~we need~~. that will  
carry us to victory in November.